

**Communications Committee Meeting
Virginia Office of EMS
1041 Technology Park Drive
Glen Allen, VA 23059
April 14, 2021
10:00 a.m.**

	Members Absent:	OEMS Staff:	Guests:
John Korman, Chair	Richard Rubino, Member-at-Large	Sam Burnette	
Hershel Kreis, NENA		Rich Troshak	
Gary Tanner, VACO		Karen Owens	
Lewis Cassada, VITA		Wanda Street	
Mike Keefe-Thomas, VDEM			
David Hoback, VML			
Tracey McLaurin, LFEMS Regional Council			
Shawn Talmadge, SIEC/SWIC			

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I. Call to Order:	The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by the Chair, John Korman. Mr. Korman welcomed to the meeting.	
II. Committee Chair Report (John Korman):	<p>a. Committee/Attendee Introductions & Roll Call Everyone in attendance virtually introduced himself or herself.</p> <p>b. Review/Approval of February 7, 2020 minutes. A motion was made by Gary Tanner to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Hershel Kreis. All members were in favor of the motion. The minutes were approved as submitted.</p>	The meeting minutes were approved as submitted.
III. OEMS Report (Rich Troshak):	<p>a. RSAF Grant Update Rich updated the committee on the PSAP grant funding.</p> <p>b. Review of draft TCPR Guidelines Rich presented the draft TCPR guidelines. He reviewed the purpose, definitions and training standards and requirements. PSAPs are required to maintain CPR certification for all</p>	

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	<p>dispatchers. The committee discussed language changes to e. add “ineffective, agonal breathing” to the end of the sentence and f. remove “compression only”.</p> <p>A motion was made by Gary Tanner to approve the draft TCPR Guidelines with the changes made today and forward to the Governor’s EMS Advisory Board. The motion was seconded by Hershel Kreis. All committee members were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.</p>	
<p>IV. Committee Member Reports:</p>	<p>Virginia APCO – John Korman No report.</p> <p>Virginia NENA – Hershel Kreis No report.</p> <p>Regional EMS Directors Representative – Tracy McLaurin No report.</p> <p>State Interoperability Executive Committee/SWIC – Shawn Talmadge Mr. Talmadge suggested presented the TCPR to the 911 Advisory Board. It would be good to provide the Board an update.</p> <p>Virginia Association of Counties (VACO) – Gary Tanner No report. Mr. Tanner is not sure of his reappointment to the Advisory Board. He has enjoyed working on the Board.</p> <p>Virginia Municipal League – Chief David Hoback No report.</p> <p>Virginia Department of Emergency Management – Mike Keefe-Thomas The Homeland Security Preparedness Grant closes on April 30.</p> <p>VITA/PSC – Lewis Cassada VITA has transitioned to VDEM in July of 2020. 911 and Geospatial services is a branch under VDEM. It is lead by Dorothy Spears-Dean. They have been working to transition PSAPS onto the NG 911 platform and it was slow going due to COVID. Legislation has passed for a 10% increase in the 911 fee. They also had a 911 border response workgroup that just wrapped up. The workgroup was established due to 911 delays.</p> <p>Member-at-Large – Richard Rubino No report. Not in attendance.</p>	
<p>V. New Business:</p>	<p>The EMS Advisory Board Meeting is May 7, 2021.</p>	

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VI. Unfinished Business:	a. EMD Accreditation Guidelines Update – Rich Troshak The guidelines will be published soon and we are working on a portal for EMD Accreditation and more information will be forthcoming on that.	
VII. Public Comment/Other Comments:	None.	
VIII. Adjournment:	The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:10 a.m.	

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